

MINUTES CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CALVERT CITY HALL
620 South Main Street
CALVERT, TEXAS
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2025 at 5:00 pm

- 1.0 Call to Order Mayor Layla Wright**
Mayor Wright called the meeting to order at 5:00pm
- 2.0 Roll Call Mayor Layla Wright**
Present: Mayor Wright, Mayor Pro Tem Alford, and Council Members Wiese, Walston, Crabtree and Grimes.
- 3.0 Invocation Council Member**
Mayor Wright gave the invocation.
- 4.0 Pledge Mayor Layla Wright**
Mayor Wright led the pledge.
- 5.0 Public Comments and Receipt of Petitions (At this time, anyone will be allowed to speak on any matter other than personnel matters or matters under litigation, for length of time not to exceed three minutes. No Council/Board discussion or action may take place on a matter until such matter has been placed on an agenda and posted in accordance with law) .**
No public comments were made.
- 6.0 Consideration, discussion and any action regarding the monthly report from City Administrator, including City of Calvert facilities, streets, roads, parks, housing, sewer, water, drainage, equipment, historical district, economic development and any financial or budgetary matters.**
The City Administrator updated Council on the progress made on repairs at the Senior Citizens Center, the updates taking place at 614 Main, and the clearing of a private property on S Hwy 6. Council Member Wiese requested attention to the following: removal of the Christmas tree at Virginia Field park, dumpster maintenance, the water tower light was out and the possibility of putting a drop box at the former drive thru window.
- 7.0 Consideration, discussion, and any action required to pass and approve City Council Resolution 2025-001 2025 Dual-band Radios Project for grants to update communications equipment.**
Council Member Grimes made a motion to pass and approve City Council Resolution 2025-001 2025 Dual-band Radios Project for grants to update communications equipment. Council Member Wiese seconded the motion. With a vote all in favor, the motion passed.
- 8.0 Consideration, discussion, and any action regarding the extension, renewal, signatories or any other matters related to Loan Number 205554 with SouthStar Bank including any actions required to pass and approve a City Council Resolution if required (proposed Resolution would be City Council Resolution 2025-002).**

Council Member Wiese made a motion to approve the extension of Loan Number 205554. Council Member Grimes seconded the motion. With a vote all in favor, the motion passed.

9.0 Consideration, discussion and action regarding the resignation of Karen M. Blackwell as Municipal Court Judge of the City of Calvert dated January 14, 2025 and effective January 30, 2025.

Following comments from City Attorney J. McCullough, Council Member Walston made a motion to accept the resignation of Karen M. Blackwell as Municipal Court Judge of the City of Calvert dated January 14, 2025, and effective January 30, 2025. Council Member Grimes seconded the motion. With a vote all in favor, the motion passed.

10.0 Consideration, discussion and any action to document prior ordinance appointing Municipal Judge of the City of Calvert and to approve, amend and pass ordinance to provide for the appointment and qualifications of Municipal Judge or Municipal Judges for the City of Calvert.

Council Member Wiese made a motion to pass the Ordinance Documenting Prior Ordinance Appointing Municipal Judge of the City of Calvert; and Providing for the Appointment of and Qualifications of Municipal Judge or Municipal Judges of the City of Calvert, Texas. Council Member Walston seconded the motion. With a vote all in favor, the motion passed.

11.0 Consideration, discussion and any action regarding the appointment, employment, duties, regarding the Municipal Judge of City of Calvert effective January 31, 2025 or later.

Council Member Crabtree made a motion to appoint Ron Zajac as Municipal Court Judge of the City of Calvert, Texas effective January 31, 2025 and provide compensation at \$400.00 per month. Council Member Alford seconded the motion. With a vote all in favor, the motion passed.

12.01 Announcement that closed meeting (executive session) will be held pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code and announcing time and date of Closed Meeting (Executive Session) pursuant to Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney–

The council did not move to executive session. No executive session was called/conducted.

- a. **Announcement of time and date of closed meeting (executive session) begins;**
- b. **Discussion with attorney regarding a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas conflicts with Texas Government Code Section 551–Open Meetings Act; or discussion with attorney regarding a matter of contemplated litigation or both; to wit: discussion with attorney regarding any of the agenda items listed on this Notice/Agenda.**

12.02 Closed meeting (Executive Session) pursuant to Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters)

- a. **Announcement of time and date of closed meeting (executive session) begins;**
- b. **Discussion to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation; reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee regarding any personnel matters listed on this Notice/Agenda;**
- c. **Announcement of time and date of closed meeting (executive session) ends.**

12.03 Reconvene in open session announcing time and date.

The council did not move to executive session. No executive session was called/conducted.

13.0 Consideration, discussion and any action regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation,

reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal or complaint or charge regarding one or more of the following:

City Administrator - SL

City Secretary - vacant

Court Clerk - TS

Police Chief – CW

Police Officer – JL

Police Officer – EM

Police Officer – vacant

Police Officer -- vacant

Outside Employee - JK

Supt of Outside City Employees - LH

Outside Employee - CC

Outside Employee - DW

PT Outside Employee - WP

PT Outside Employee - RC

PT Water Clerk - RM

PT TCEQ W/WW – JG

PT Code Officer – JP

PT Senior Center Dir - BC

Temporary staff – SS

Municipal Judge - KB

No action taken.

14.0 Consideration, discussion and any action regarding agenda items for next meeting.

The City Administrator advised the Mayor and Council that future items may include a request by the Calvert Historical Foundation to use the City shuttle bus for tours and the scheduling of a Budget Workshop.

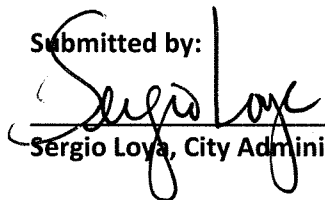
15.0 Consideration, discussion and any action regarding date and time for next council meeting. The next regular meeting date is February 10th.

Council Member Grimes made a motion to schedule the next meeting on February 10, 2025. Council Member Wiese seconded the motion. With a vote all in favor, the motion passed.

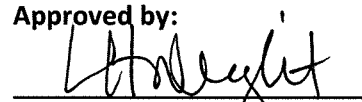
16.0 Adjournment

Council Member Wiese made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Walston seconded the motion. With a vote all in favor, the meeting adjourned at 5:18pm.

Submitted by:


Sergio Loya, City Administrator

Approved by:


Layla Wright, Mayor

